GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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STRIKE OF JUTE MILL WORKERS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jute mill workers in the country including West Bengal are on a prolonged strike ;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State and Union Territory-wise; and

(c) the details of their demand and the steps taken by the Government to settle their problems?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. There was an indefinite strike, which had been going on w.e.f 5.1.2007 by the workers in 51 jute mills located in the State of West Bengal in private sector. The jute mills located outside the West Bengal were not affected by this strike. The strike has been called off on 8.3.07.

(c): The main demands of the workers are payment of statutory dues, Bonus and higher DA etc. Several rounds of bipartite and tripartite negotiations at the instance of the State Government as well as the Central Government have taken place to diffuse the crisis. The majority of Trade Unions have agreed for a negotiation and settlement has been arrived at on 8.3.07. Mills have been re-opened w.e.f 9.3.07.